

## Current 5c Air Mail Stamp In Coil Form Planned By Post Office Department

### Dayton Exhibition Granted Philatelic Agency By Lawler

Visitors to the 21st Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the Dayton Philatelic Society to be held in the Miami Hotel in Dayton, Ohio on October 25 and 26 will be able to purchase the same stamps at the show as are on sale at the Philatelic Agency in Washington, D. C. Third Assistant Postmaster General Lawler has informed the committee for the Dayton show that he will cooperate in every manner possible to serve the collectors and visitors with the best that the Agency has to offer.

On Saturday the 25th, the Post Office Department, through the Acting Postmaster of Dayton, Harry Schiewitz, will open its Agency at 12 noon and remain active until 8 p. m. that same evening. On Sunday, the Agency will open 10 a. m. and close at 6:00 p. m. that same evening. This will give the many collectors attending the show an opportunity of getting select material of current United States stamps. The club was given every cooperation from Dayton's Acting Postmaster Schiewitz in obtaining Mr. Lawler's consent for an Agency, and it will be a senior clerk from the Dayton Post Office who has served the Dayton collectors for many years, who will be in charge of the Agency booth.

The auction to be held Saturday night, the 25th, contains a beautiful lot of material. Only 100 lots will be offered to the public and these were hand picked from the many submissions of material made to the auction committee. A fine showing of United States is noted; British Empire stamps are very well represented in about 40 lots of mint very fine stamps. Other high grade popular stamps make up the balance of the material.

### Club Plans Sunday Afternoon Auction

Collectors of stamps who like to buy at auction, or those who have never purchased stamps in this manner and who would like to, should make it a point to attend the one sponsored by the Fond Du Lac Collectors Club of Fond Du Lac, Wisc. This event is scheduled for Sunday, October 26 at the Hotel Retlaw in that city and will commence at 2 p. m. The material is predominantly United States items, but the feature of the entire sale will be the comprehensive offering of covers with Wisconsin postmarks of years ago.

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### Stamp Collectors Of Canada Are Planning For Stamp Centenary

Canadian stamp collectors are certainly not letting any philatelic grass grow under their feet, because as of the present date two stamp clubs at least are looking forward to the centenary of Canadian postage stamps in 1951. Toronto collectors are making some preliminary sallies toward entering the realm of a big celebration, while the London Philatelic Society of London Ontario have passed the following resolution:

"Whereas the year 1951 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the issue of Canadian first adhesive postage stamps, and whereas it would be fitting to recognize the anniversary in a suitable manner,"

"Be it therefore resolved by the London Philatelic Society that an Exhibition be held in Canada."

"And be it further resolved that the Canadian Government be asked to help by issuing a Special Stamp or series of stamps—one of which should be a close replica of the '3p' Beaver but the value might be a '3c' Beaver."

"And be it further resolved that all Philatelic Societies in Canada be asked to endorse and support the proposal as well as assist in the carrying through of the Exhibition."

### Columnist For Linn's Finds Glaring Error In Scott '48 Catalog

Henry M. Friedman who is doing an excellent job of writing the "British Empire Chatter" for Linn's Weekly Stamp News caught one of the most glaring errors in Part 1 of the new 1948 Scott Catalog. This was Canada #133 which Scott had priced at \$3 in the 1947 edition, and which in the 1948 edition was priced at \$35. Mr. Friedman, knowing his British Empire stamps backwards and forwards, suspected this quotation at once and wrote a letter of inquiry to Scott Publications.

Their reply was as follows: "Answering your inquiry of October 1, wish to advise that the price of \$35.00 for Canada #133 in the 1948 Volume 1 Catalog is, of course, a typographical error. It should be \$3.50 and will be included in the list of price changes soon to appear."

J. G. Koor. So don't be taken in with the new price for #133 of Canada in the 1948 Scott catalog, the two cents yellow green coil of 1924. We vote an orchid to our wide awake editor of the British Empire Chatter column.

### AIR MAIL SERVICE FOR THREE CITIES

Effective on or about November 1, 1947, air-mail service will be inaugurated at Fort Wayne, Ind., on route A. M. 1; at Cleveland, Ohio, on route A. M. 2; and on or about November 15, 1947, at Wilmington, Del., on route A. M. 2.

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### Sleeper Noted In Bulletin From Department's Information Service; Probable First Day Not Given

What may prove to be a sleeper, and an intentional one at that on the part of the Post Office Department, is the indication that the current small 5c air mail stamp is to be produced in coil form. This conclusion is gathered from the routine bulletin sent by the Post Office Department Information Service on which is listed the stamp and numbers assigned to its plates, and which have been listed as 170 subject plates.

No mention has been made that these plates have been used to print stamps, but nevertheless, they are on hand and ready for this function. While the Post Office Department is prone to consider the issue of a stamp in various forms of perforation and format as one and the same stamp, stamp collectors hold that a stamp perforated on all four sides is different from a coil stamp, or a booklet pane stamp of the same value and design.

Collectors demand that each of the various forms in which a stamp is produced is to have its first day of issue. And while the Post Office Department might be reluctant to grant such recognition to a stamp in a new form, the cover enthusiasts are going to clamor for this service. It would be an excellent idea for them to prepare covers for this expected event just in case the Department makes a quick issue of the 5c Air Mail stamp in coil form.

The same thing was uncovered back in January 1943 when Linn's Weekly Stamp News scooped the stamp world in noting that plates had been assigned for the printing of the current 6c Airmail stamp (Scott C25a) in booklet panes. The attempt to slip this one through on the part of the P. O. Department was nipped by Linn's, when in the issue of the paper of January 28, 1943 collectors were informed of the proposed issuance of the stamp in booklet form.

This gave collectors of covers of that day the opportunity of preparing for the stamp, because they were able to catch the first day of issue which occurred on March 18, 1943. The Information Bulletin furnished by the Post Office Department to the philatelic press on which this information is noted, is dated October 7. Under the heading of "List of postage stamp plate numbers issued during the month of September, 1947:" we find—

"Plate Numbers 23716, 23717, 23718, 23719; Denomination 5c; Class U. S. Air Mail; Series 1947; Subjects 170 curved."

The Scott United States Specialized Catalog says that Rotary Press Coil stamps are printed from plates of 170 subjects for stamps coiled sidewise, and from plates of 150 subjects for stamps coiled endwise. This would indicate that the Air Mail stamp will occur perforated horizontally to the design.

Collectors will note that this is the first air mail stamp that has ever been printed in coil form. Previous to this time only stamps of the regular issue have been printed in this form and this innovation has probably come

about because of the impending introduction of stamp vending machines in the lobbies of the larger Post Offices. Linn's carried the story on these stamp vending machines, a product of Commercial Controls, that will sell stamps of various denominations at face value, in a recent news article. A picture of the machine was offered at the same time.

Our disclosure of the impending issuance of the current 5c Air Mail stamp in coil form might induce the P. O. Department to give some first day issue consideration to cover collectors. Even so, it will behoove collectors to make preparations for the stamp. As soon as further word is received on the issue, we will pass this information along to our readers.

### NATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION WAS HELD AT TOLEDO, SPAIN

For a stamp exhibition held at Toledo, Spain, a special and appropriate cancellation was provided by the Spanish Postal Department. A cover bearing this special cancel comes from Carlos Lenze of Madrid.

The cancel is a double lined circle about two inches in diameter, the top pictures a bridge and building, below which the wording is "27 SEP. 1947 / 1st EXPOSITION / FILATELICA / TOLEDO." The cancel is in red and clearly applied. Dates of the show were from September 27th to 30th. We lack any further information as to this show.

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A total of 320 frames have been allotted for exhibits, each of which will hold 16 ordinary size album pages. A Bourse of twenty tables is the maximum number that the club will allow, and these will be assigned in the order of receipt of reservations for them. A number of classifications of exhibits for both Senior and Junior collectors has been made, and winners will have the opportunity of awards in the form of ribbons, cups and medals.

The club is issuing poster seals and a cachet for the event also and these are obtainable from Paul E. Leeds, 85 West Main St., Bergenfield, N. J. Price of the seals is 3 for 25c, each seal being in a different color. They will depict the county court house surrounded by the different methods of carrying the mail during the last 150 years. Price of the cachet was not given, but it can be assumed to be a nominal one.

## COMING AUCTIONS

October 20, 21—Vahan Moxian, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17. U. S. and European classics.

October 20, 21—H. R. Harmer, 39-42 New Bond St., London W. 1, England. British Empire.

October 21—Franklin Stamp Co., 111 Leverich St., Hempstead, N. Y. United States mint and used.

October 21—McDaniel Stamp Co., 718 Dollar Bank Bldg., Youngstown 3, Ohio. U.S. and Foreign.

October 23, 24—Billig &amp; Rich, Inc., 55 W. 42nd St., New York, N. Y. U. S., German Colonies and foreign.

October 24, 25—P. R. Ferryman, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17. U. S. and Gen. Foreign.

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October 29, 30—Harmer, Rooke &amp; Co., Inc., 560 Fifth Ave., New York 19. Brit. Colonies and General Foreign.

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Sunday Oct. the 19th the Central Ohio Precancel club holds its regular meeting. Seneca Hotel Columbus Ohio. The October meeting has always been more or less of a season opener. The President of the PSS is expected to be present. The Sales manager has indicated that he has a lot of new books for inspection. All collectors are welcome.

## MODERN BARS

To quickly define the term I would say BARS are a form of Precancellation that do not indicate the town or state from which they originate. Strictly speaking the cancellation can be squares, circles, lines, stars or what have you so long as there is no lettering. A short article in the August Optimist by Allan R. Brown authority on Bars about a modern BAR from Woodstock, N. Y. proves that they do exist. This item is on the 1 1/2c Pres. and is a single thick line running vertically over the stamp. A similar instance was brought to my attention by Mr. Arthur S. Chandler of Lebanon N. H. about a 2c Famous American used on a Telephone Directory at Plymouth N. H. about 1940. This cancellation was applied horizontally and was about 2mm. wide and to my notion perhaps made with a crayon. Although it was claimed the stamp was cancelled with steel rule I just can't believe it. Nevertheless it would be rather handy to mount a Phone book in your album if you wanted to keep the stamp on cover. On cover though is the only safe way to collect such items. There is a wide open field for research in these BARS whether modern or old but it takes some one who has the time to dig up material in out of the way places who can do this.

## TECHNICAL STUFF

A lot in a recent Hoover Bros. Auction seems to have perhaps revealed an interesting fact about the experimental issue The lot #361 was a pair of Springfield EB2 which is to say it was a pair of the 2c perf. 10 experimental precancels from Springfield Mass. This pair shows the ends of two plates, that is the ends of the lines of the precancelling plates. It therefore must be assumed that the experimentals were made in sheets of 400 instead of 100 as was generally assumed. Hoover explains that there is a gap of 1 1/2mm between plates. The stamps as singles catalog \$8.00 but it will be interesting to note just what this piece will bring.

## ILLINOIS

The I.P.S.C. News, you might say the official organ of the Illinois Precancel Stamp Club in with a new Illinois town. Stockland in U-121N type. A review of the new Illinois catalog shows that there are 24,804 stamps listed in 1290 Types from 780 towns. This issue lists addenda to the catalog and corrections. Illinois collectors contact Jas. O. Howe, 2104 Superior Ave., Whiting, Ind.

## AN OLD TIMER RETURNS

The Precancel Star, the first of the little Precancel sheets has returned for a brief visit at least. This was published in the North Star State which is Minnesota. Mr. Ivers Gjernes is again publishing the paper but is taking no subscriptions nor advertising. A trial issue I guess. Note quite a lot of South Dakota news and lists too. The STAR was mailed from Barnesville, Minn. with a 1 1/2c President. Type probably U-86. Write Mr. Gjernes at Moorehead, Minn.

## FIRST HELICOPTER

## AIR MAIL SERVICE

From R. Leonard Williams of Pasadena, Calif., we have a cover bearing a cachet in green ink, for the first Air Mail Service by Helicopter in the Los Angeles, Area. This cachet bears the name of Pasadena at the bottom, indicating it is from that city which is also indicated by cancellation on the cover. The date is October 1st.

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From Royal Duties

The announcement that Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands will retire temporarily from the throne of that country, and invest her daughter Crown Princess Juliana with the royal powers in the interim, brings another well known personality with whom collectors of stamps are associated, into the public notice. For reasons of health, the Queen has decided to forego the strenuous court life for a time until she has rested.

It is at this time that the Netherlands is planning the Golden Jubilee of her reign next year when on September 6, she will have been the monarch of that country for 50 years. During the war, when the German armies occupied her country, she ruled as Queen in exile from London. From that city she guided the fortunes of the Netherlands and the Dutch Colonies of Dutch West Indies (Curacao), Dutch Guiana (Surinam) and the Dutch East Indies.

Queen Wilhelmina has appeared on many of the stamp issues of the mother country and of the colonies; her picture can be found on the regular issues, the semi-postals and some airmails.

Missouri Stamp Club  
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Out in Webster Groves, Mo., and vicinity, stamp collectors are going to have the opportunity of joining up with the Webster Groves Stamp Club which had its first reorganization meeting on October 9. The club was forced to disband during the war, and this left collectors in that area without a focal point for united philatelic activity. Interested persons in the reorganization are Dr. C. L. Mathis, Dr. E. L. Dorsett, F. H. Farnsworth and Ray E. Hodges. A. E. Bang of Webster Groves was instrumental in our receiving news of the reactivation of the club.

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And while we're on the subject of the Constitution, we'll stick our pretty white neck out and state that the number of stamps sold on this occasion and the number of covers serviced will set a new record. We'll even go so far as to advance the thought that the record set on this occasion will not be bettered, or equaled for some time to come.

The following numbers were assigned to plates at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing during the month of September.

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"Constitution" 3c commemorative, 200 subject plates, numbered 23710-11-12-13-14-15.

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Air Mail 5c (small), 400 subject Plates, numbered 23590-1.

"Constitution" 3c commemorative, 200 subject plates, numbered 23710-11.

Note that of the six numbers originally assigned to plates from which the Constitution stamp is to be printed, that only two have been used. More of them might be sent to press this month.

The 3c Roosevelt stamp has been removed from the Agency lists. We might be wrong, but if we remember correctly, this is the last denomination of the series that the Agency had on hand.

The Post Office Department continues to cooperate with collectors whenever possible. Two of the latest evidences of this has been the help given to the cover dealers in the servicing of covers for first days and other events. The other, is the establishing of branch philatelic agencies at various of the larger exhibitions. Latest club to receive this accommodation is the Dayton Philatelic Society. Agency material will be on sale both days of their annual exhibit, eight hours per day, on Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26.

How many of you know that the 2c Roosevelt stamp had the least amount of stamps printed of the four in the series. Some of the smarties are playing this one for the best stamp in the set, and we are forced to agree with them after seeing the figures. The 1c and the 3c had 150,000,000 each, the 5c had 75,000,000 while the 2c was represented with 67,255,000 copies. We have seen many more used copies, and mint for that matter, of the 5c center than we have of the 2c stamp.

## U.S.A. Specialists Of Australia Produce A Needed Handbook

A very commendable forward step has been made by the U.S.A. Specialists Society of Australia in its relation with the collectors in the United States who either belong to the Australian group, or who correspond with the members of it. This Society, as its name implies, is a club whose members specialize in the stamps of the United States. Membership is not restricted only to Australia, but to collectors in all countries.

In order to correspond on equal terms with their United States brethren, the Australian club has issued a handbook which lists the stamps of that country with the catalog numbers given by the Scott and the Gibbons Catalogs side by side. In one part of the book, Scott numbers are converted to Gibbons numbers, and in another part, Gibbons numbers are converted into Scott numbers. Thus, when correspondents in the two countries fill each others want lists, they have a common standard with the handbook.

Compilers and editors of the book were V. C. Drying, K. J. Halford, J. H. Hawker, E. G. Sheehan. Collectors who might be interested in obtaining a copy of this handbook, of which no price was given, can write to K. J. Halford, 1 Heatherleigh Place, East Malvern S. E. 5, Victoria, Australia.

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## First-Hand Information About The Guatemala Roosevelt Issues

One of our contemporaries prints an article under the above heading and quotes a lengthy letter from the Guatemala Director of Communications.

This publication then condemns other stamp publications for condemning the Guatemala Roosevelt issues, without as this publication says, being "accompanied by specific facts." We have in our own files, the identical letter which this contemporary publication prints but we did not swallow the statements made in the letter as did our contemporary, rather we took the word of many who wrote us about efforts to obtain the Guatemala issue from the Guatemala Post Office Department,

many who had placed orders months in advance of the issue and who failed to get other than a very small percentage of the stamps asked for. There is ample evidence if we should have the cooperation of every American Stamp Dealer who tried to buy this issue direct from Guatemala, that the Government was lax in trying to satisfy the demand for the issue. There is ample evidence that orders for far more stamps than were issued, were offered the Government and that these orders were disregarded. There is also ample evidence that the Guatemala Government has been selling and supplying stamps through the Pan-American Union and that none of the Roosevelt issues were put out through this Union at face value to collectors as were other issues.

The letter published by our contemporary has a paragraph which reads "Various people or dealers undoubtedly intended to speculate with the issue. As this was contrary to the interests and obligations of this Administration, strict rationing of the sale of this issue had to be made."

If the Guatemala Government had any wish to see that there was no speculation with the stamps, it could have issued sufficient of them to place a large number on sale at the Pan-American Union. No, what the Government did was limit the issue so that it would become a speculative issue as is evidence by what has happened. A two dollar set of stamps cost us \$9.00. If the Guatemala Government wants to show its good faith in this instance we dare it to issue another lot of these stamps, identical with the original issue and put them in the market at face value to any collector or dealer. We will gladly stomach our loss on this set if the Guatemalan Government will come clean on the issue.

A very unusual comment after strong defense of this issue is made by our contemporary, we read, "One good point of evidence which a collector always has is price. If the price of a set of stamps is out of line with the reasonable mark-up over face value which a dealer customarily allows himself, then there is ground for suspicion."

Truly a lovely bit of comment, inferring to you dear readers that you have every reasonable ground in the world for suspicion of the Guatemala Roosevelt stamps for this set has a face value of \$2.01 and has been offered you by your dealers at around \$9.00. Yet this set is presented by our contemporary as a clean set, one that should not be condemned. Now laugh that off.

## George, You Are Slipping

George Sloane, columnist in a contemporary weekly in speaking about the 10c Bell Famous American which Fred Ott has shown in a gutter block of four with gutter between, vertically, states that such a sheet should have contained five blocks of four and that thus there is another pair and a block unaccounted for. For the benefit of serious collectors who may read Mr. Sloane's column we want to advise you that George just pulled a boner here and will probably correct it in the next possible issue. These sheets as George should well know, are seven stamps high and not ten stamps high which would be necessary to get as many stamps out of them as he has figured.

It is most probable however that these sheets of 70 stamps were printed in large panes of four sheets, thus there would have been another sheet of these exactly like the one Ott has reported. Thus in fact there were originally the equivalent of six blocks and two pairs with gutter between, but no five blocks from one sheet as Mr. Sloane explains.

## German Collectors Are Confronted With Fantastic Prices

Since last July, writes F. Behle-Neuhold, Manager of Philatelie Equator, International Stamp Service of P. O. Box 85, Hamburg 36, Germany, a lot of changes have taken place for the philatelist in Germany. Two of the things having a marked effect in this regard are the Law of the Control Council which abolished all stamps having a Nazi influence, and the postal set-up in the French Zone of Occupation. This unpopular law which forbids the Germans to buy, sell or exchange with the stamps of the Nazi regime from 1933-1945 has the following consequences; 1. The German collector feels offended; 2. The official trade in these stamps has ended, and has been replaced with an active black market.

The supposed propagandistic tendency of the Nazi stamps has neither increased nor declined. Should a collector have Hitler stamps in his book, it does not necessarily indicate that he is a Nazi, no more than a purchase and collecting of Russian stamps indicates that the collector is a Communist.

The stamps selected in competition by the Allied Control Council for use in the American, British and Russian Zones of Occupation are the subject of much adverse criticism. As has been pointed out previously in the pages of this paper, the German layman and collector both feel that if the designs as selected were the cream of over 4000 entries, there were either extremely poor artists, or some poor judges of postage stamp art. The latter view is taken by all who have seen the stamps. Added to the protesting voices of the press and the collectors comes the voice of organized labor which states that the scenes shown on the stamps are designs of imbecility and workmanship and figurative indifference. All feel that the stamps are extremely poor ambassadors for a Germany that has always been known for the quality of its products.

The German collectors are anxious to know whether their many protests will be successful. But with the hereditary bureaucracy, a considerable time might pass before something practical will be done about the matter.

In his speech at the ceremonies dedicating the statue in honor of the arrival of the first American Mail Boat on June 19, 1847, Gen. Lucius Clay, American Military Governor for Germany, expressed the hope that Germany will soon have its liberty and the will and the means to engage in international commerce. With Gen. Clay at the ceremonies were his political advisor, Murphy, and the Military Governor of Bremen, Thomas Dunn.

The statue encompassed in its design a tribute to the "S. S. Washington," and is located in Bremerhaven. The "Washington" was the first ship of the Ocean Steam Navigation Co. and was co-financed by Bremen and other German states, and was the predecessor to the Nord Deutscher Lloyd Lines. In the year 1846, an emissary was sent from the state of Bremen to Washington, D. C. to negotiate with the United States government regarding the carrying of ocean mail. A merchant of the town, Gevoketh, was sent on the errand by the senate of Bremen.

Gevoketh was quite successful in his mission, for Bremen was chosen, and later that year, Postmaster General Johnson of the United States sent a representative to Bremen, his first Assistant Postmaster General, Hobbie, to negotiate a contract with the Bremen government. This move was successful also, as it brought into being a regular post service in which the steamers "Washington" and "Hermann" were used.

An editor and publisher, who had placed in the hands of the German stamp collectors, a journal that had been published under the Nazi regime, found himself sentenced to six months in prison by the American Military Court. He had deliberately failed to secure the permission of the Control for the distribution of these papers. Now for the risk that he took for the small profit gained,

he can sweat out a six months seige behind bars where in six months outside he could have been in nearly any occupation and made more than his profits from the papers.

Prices for stamps in Germany still take on the aura of a horrible nightmare. It is just another indication of how inflation increases the intrinsic worth of so-called "real" goods, as the economists describe anything possessible, other than money. A person with a home and a cellar full of food is more wealthy in Germany than one with a castle full of marks. To show how stamps are valued, the following auction prices might serve. The figures in parenthesis is the catalog value of the stamps as given by the German-Michel Catalog:—(The official rate of exchange of a Reichs Mark-RM-is about ten for \$1).

German Michel—catalogue: France 1936 air-mail 50 Frs RM 1550.- (200.-); Gibraltar 1925 1 pound orange/Black post-new RM 2300.- (125); Austria, Dollfuss 10 Schillings, mint RM 6750.- (550.-); Switzerland 1845 Basler Tauschen on cover RM 34,500.- (4000.-); Liechtenstein Vaduz-block 1933 RM 8000.- (4500.-); USA Columbus 5 dollars 3,600.- (235.-); USA Zeppelin-composition compl. RM 8,550.- (525.-); Austria Wipe-block 1933 RM 14,000.- (1600.-); Great-Britain 1840 1 Penny 2250.- (50.-); same 1882 5 pounds red-orange RM 6,100.- (600.-); USA 1847 10 cent black, letterpiece RM 10,000.- (250.-); same 1898 Omaha 1 dollar post-new RM 4,600.- (200.-); Western Australia 6 pence black-bronze cabinet-piece RM 4000.- (375.-).

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The exhibition is to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the club, and a special two-color cachet envelope and gummed poster stamp are being made up for this exhibition. These may be obtained at the show, or in advance by writing the club president Howard M. Davis, 1357 Hamilton St., S. W., Warren, Ohio. For covers completely serviced, franked with a 5c airmail stamp 15c each. Poster stamps 5c each, on orders of 20 or more 3c each.

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## SECRET MARKS

Of The Bank Note Issues Of United States Stamps

BY JONATHAN WOLFE

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When the Pictorial issue of U. S. Stamps in 1869 failed to please, due to the small size and shape of the stamps, the Government let a contract for a complete new series of stamps in 1870, this contract being secured by the National Bank Note Company. In this connection it may be mentioned that all general issues of U. S. stamps were printed by outside engraving firms under contract with the Government until 1894, when the Bureau of Engraving and Printing took over this work.

The National Bank Note Company produced the two issues of 1870-71, both issues coming out at the same time, in April 1870, except for the 7c stamp which was not issued until March 1871. The first issue (#134 to 144) was provided with a grill under the Government's experiments for means to prevent the cleaning and re-use of cancelled stamps, and the second issue (#145 to 155) was without grill.

In December 1872, the Government again advertised for the printing of stamps on a four year contract, this contract being secured in July 1873 by the Continental Bank Note Company. However the stamp design was unchanged and it is generally accepted that secret marks were placed on the dies previously used by the National Co., so that the Continental Co. could identify the stamps which it printed.

The reason given for these secret marks was that the National Co. had done a poor job of printing many of the stamps and the fear of the Continental Co. that it might be ordered to replace some of these poorly printed stamps. These marks were so skillfully placed that they were not discovered, even by philatelists, until some years later. Stamps printed in the 1873 issue were from plates made from these altered dies with the secret mark added on all values from the 1c to 15c inclusive. While dies for the 24c, 30c and 90c stamps were altered by adding a secret mark, it was not necessary for the Continental Co. to print any of these stamps until the latter part of 1874 and by that time it was decided it was not necessary to use the altered die. No stamps of these three highest values were ever printed with the secret marks, but die proofs may be obtained showing the marks.

The issue was printed mostly without a grill. All the values except the 90c, exist with a "J" grill measuring about 7 x 9/16". It was with this issue that the Government decided the grill had proven unsatisfactory and discontinued its use so that all stamps with this grill are quite rare. Both this issue and the two issues of 1870-71 were printed on a hard, white wove paper—but much experimentation was made with different grades and thicknesses of paper and in the last years (1877-78) of the Continental's contract a soft porous paper was used for the stamps that is practically indistinguishable from the paper of the succeeding (1879) issue.

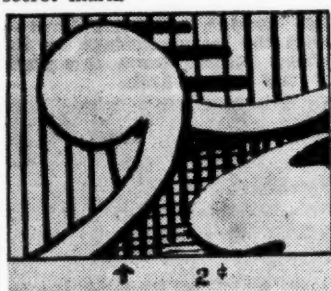
The American Bank Note Co., with which the Continental Bank Note Co. consolidated, secured the contract in 1879 for the printing of stamps. Again the same design was continued but paper used was soft and porous. The printing of the stamps from the 1c to the 15c, (except for the 7c stamp, which had been discontinued) was made from the plates having the secret marks. The 10c stamp (#187) was also printed from National Co's plates without the secret mark, and the 30c and 90c values were printed without the secret marks. In addition to the 7c value, the 12c and 24c values were not included in this issue but a 5c value was added, due to change in foreign postage rate in 1875.

A description of how they may be recognized follows:



The secret mark used on the 1c stamp—#156 of the 1873 issue and #182 of the 1879 issue, on soft paper, was a small dash of color in the lower part of the first pearl to the left of the upper part of the figure "1". In the

early printings, this mark is clear and distinct, with rounded ends, and approximately 1/2 mm long. In the later printings, as the plate became worn, the mark is a mere dot of color. Therefore, in determining the stamp #145 (also #134 grided) of the National Company's printing, for placing in a collection, the pearl in which the Continental Co. placed the secret mark in its printing must be entirely colorless—otherwise the stamp is one of those with the secret mark.



On the 2c stamp—#157—the secret mark was placed in the upper left hand corner of the stamp, being the first background shading line connecting the base of the ornamental scroll above the "U. S." with the upper line of the double frame enclosing "U. S. Postage". This line, instead of being vertical, as with #134 (grided) and #146, is sloped downward to the right. This mark is indistinct and extremely difficult to determine with certainty. But the stamp #157 has another difference from stamps without the secret mark that frequently shows up plainly—there is a small blur of color near the point where the under line of the ornamental scroll meets the upper frame line and these lines are separated instead of meeting in a clear point as with the stamps without the secret mark. Most collectors and dealers distinguish these two varieties of stamps by the color, as stamps of the National Co.'s printing are all of a red-brown color, varying in shades from a light red-brown to a deep red-brown, while the stamps of the Continental Co.'s printings are mostly brown in color, varying from a brown to a very dark brown, almost a black-brown. Since these stamps are not high in cost, and are practically the same, good copies that show the color differences distinctly should be (Continued on page 6)

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Jonathan Wolfe, better known to his fellow club members as "Jay", was born and spent his childhood days in the city of Lewisburg, Pa. Graduated from Bucknell University, class of 1907, he has always been interested in civil engineering. His present position is that of Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance of the Chicago Transit Authority, formerly the Chicago Surface Lines, where he has been employed for the past 30 years.

His philatelic activities commenced as a boy and he has never lost interest. In April 1935 he joined the Roosevelt Philatelic Society of Chicago, served as president of that organization during the 1940-41 term and re-elected to serve during 1941-42.

At the Annual Spring Festival held in March 1945 his fellow members presented him with a handsomely engraved plaque in honor of his Golden Jubilee as a stamp collector and a host of friends from Chicago-land stamp clubs were on hand to participate.

A few years ago he helped organize the U. S. 20th Century Cancellation Society—is a member of the S. P. A. (No. 9680) and specializes in U. S. and cancellations. He has written several interesting philatelic articles for his club paper "THE STRAIGHT-EDGE" of which the one on Secret Marks appears to be his most authoritative and outstanding.

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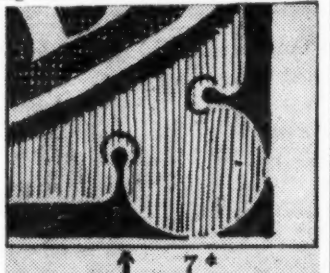
lected for mounting in a collection. In 1875 the color of the 2c stamp was changed to vermilion (taking place of color of 7c vermilion, which had been discontinued, and to avoid confusion with the 10c brown) and in 1879 this 2c vermilion was issued on soft, porous paper. The secret mark appears rather clearly on this stamp. Some copies are found with shading lines strengthened under the ornamental scroll and also with short vertical shading lines in the lower part of the scroll itself.



The secret mark on the three cent stamp, #158 of the 1873 issue and #184 of the 1879 issue consists of heavy crossed lines of shading under the upper tail of the ribbon under the "THREE" in the lower left part of the stamp. While the stamps of the National Co.'s printings without the secret mark (#136 grilled and #147) have shading under the ribbon, the vertical lines are light and rather far apart. The shading of the secret mark appears to the naked eye as a solid green color. Here, as with the 1c stamp later printings of the three cent stamp do not show the markings as distinctly as the earlier printings. If there is any heavy shading under the upper tail of the ribbon found on a stamp being examined, it must be considered that this stamp has the secret mark.



On the six cent stamp, #159 of the 1873 issue and #186 of the 1879 issue, the secret mark is quite clear and easily seen. The first four vertical shading lines on the ribbon just to the right of the turn, in the lower left corner of the stamp, have been thickened and stand out as four heavy lines. The stamps without the secret mark have these lines thin and fine, the same as the other shading lines on the ribbon.



The secret marks on the seven cent stamp, #160 of the 1873 issue consist of two colored semi-circles placed just beyond the junction of the circular ball with the main portion of the background frame and are clearly distinguishable.

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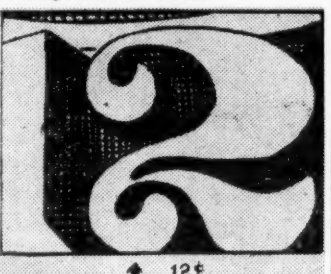
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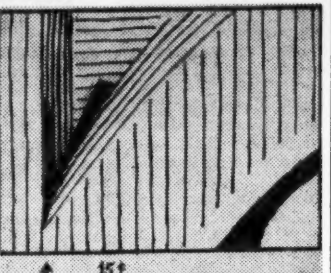
no 7c stamps were issued in 1879 on soft, porous paper.



The ten cent stamp, #161 of the 1873 issue and #188 of the 1879 issue have a secret mark consisting of a crescent placed in the lower part of the ornamental ball at the right end of the frame enclosing "U. S. Postage". On the printings of the 1879 issue on soft, porous paper, the American Co. used both the plates from dies of the National Co.'s and of the Continental Co. so that stamps from this issue were printed both without (#187) and with (#188) the secret mark. In the earlier printings of these stamps with the secret mark, the mark is clear and distinct and almost a full semi-circle 1/2mm across—with the later printings, as the plates became worn, this mark is only a small dash.



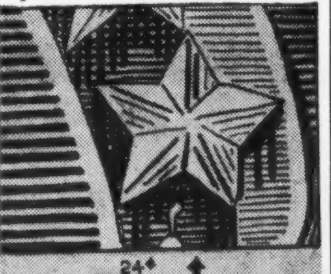
The figure "2" is used for the secret mark on the 12c stamp (#162)—the balls at the top and bottom sections of the figure "2" of the National Co.'s printings, (#140 grilled and #151) have been cut back to form crescents. The color of the stamp has also been darkened to make a blackish-violet. Due to the change in postal rates, no 12c stamp was issued in 1879.



On the 15c stamp (#163 of the 1873 issue and #189 of the 1879 issue) the secret mark consists of a "V" shaped density of color, called "two lines", that has been added to the lower point of the triangle in the upper left hand part of the stamp.

Due to the orange color of this stamp and to the fine lines in the triangle, a good magnifying glass and a clear light are needed to be certain of this secret mark. The color is a guide also, the National Co.'s printings without the mark being a bright to a deep orange while the printings with the secret mark are more yellowish or a shade of red orange. Some advanced collectors and specialists question the actual use of this secret mark in the printing of stamps—but clear examples of the work are fairly common and it seems to me that plates with the mark was used by the Continental and American Companies.

As previously stated, the 24c, 30c and 90c stamps never were printed with the secret marks, but the marks exist on die proof impressions from the altered dies.



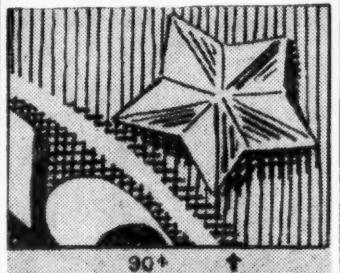
These stamps of the different

printings are identified by the shades of color and by the type of paper. The 24c stamp of the first issue (#142 with grill, a very rare stamp, and #153 without grill) are purple to dark purple in color, while #164, the Continental Co.'s printing is of a very deep purple and is known only in grilled form. This last stamp is extremely rare and seldom seen.

Some specialists claim that the deep purple shade of #153 is in reality a printing of #164 by the Continental Co. There was no 24c stamp issued on soft, porous paper in the 1879 series. The secret mark which was placed on the die for the 24c value was a number of shading lines added in the last star at the right.



The 30c stamp of the National Co.'s printing is a full, deep black, while that of the Continental Co.'s printing is a gray-black or greenish black—and this stamp of the 1879 series is recognized by its soft, porous paper. The secret mark on the die consisted of heavy shading lines below the frame under "30".



The 90c stamp of the National Co.'s printing is a carmine or deep carmine color—that of the Continental a rose carmine or pale rose carmine, while that of the American Co. (1879) is on soft porous paper. Due to the similarity of the varying shades of this value, distinguishing between the stamps of the different series is somewhat difficult, but by obtaining full deep colors and good examples of paper varieties one may be reasonably certain of the printings. These stamps, except for the grilled stamp of the first issue, all have nearly the same value. The secret mark on the die consisted of extra shading lines in the right star.

In 1881 and 1882, the one, three, six and ten cent stamps were re-engraved and there are many more or less minor differences between the re-engraved ones and those of the preceding issue. These are not to be confused with the secret marks.

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by Carl P. Rueth

"Well, happy day" I exclaimed as I opened the front door to the insistent summons of the door bell, "look who's out galivantin' around on this fine clear night."

The Old Professor grinned at my welcome, and walked in. "I thought that it was a good night for a walk" he said, "and since I was sure that I would find you home, I knew of no better place to come for the evening."

"I'm not quite certain how to take that last remark," I prodded him. "I don't know whether you meant that since all the interesting places were closed, you had no other choice but to come here, or whether you meant that this was the most interesting place you could think of."

"You know how I meant that," he countered, "and besides if you get too smart for your pants, I won't talk with you about some of these fellows that write in with all kinds of ideas."

I caught on then as to what brought the Old Professor out of his home on this evening—the answer, he felt gabby. Now it just so happened that I felt the same way, and since I had never been the loser by listening and sharing ideas with the genial old fellow, I considered his visit a top piece of good luck.

"Shall we go into my stampic sanctum sanctorum?" I asked him, "or would you rather pull up in front of the fire place?"

"I prefer your den this evening," he asserted, "I'll choose the fire place on a night when the winds are howling under the eaves and the coziness of a fire is a must for mellow consideration of ideas."

Excusing myself for a minute, I hurried to the kitchen where I piled a plate with some of my wife's excellent "Toll House" cookies, took a couple of glasses off the cupboard shelf and then went to the back porch and snagged off one of the several jugs of cider which I had been keeping there for some weeks. Thus loaded, I returned to the den and the pleased twinkle in the eyes of my friend.

"Your cider hasn't been traveling in very good company," he observed after several mouthfuls. "I thought it was pretty good," I answered. "Can I get you something else to drink in its place?"

"Now don't get upset about what I said. What I meant, is that your excellent cider is hard. Praise be," he added.

So for several more minutes we paused in our conversation while we appraised the merits of my perverted apple juice. Finally, I made the remark that the Old Professor had been waiting for.

"Old Professor," I began, "some guy wrote in wondering what good all this hell raisin' is worth in connection with the suppression of the recent wave of speculative and phony issues of stamps that have been the rage for the past two years. This bird claims that he can't see where anything will be accomplished with all this commotion. He says that if everybody keeps quiet about the stuff and goes their respective ways, that everything will come out all right."

"Apparently, this correspondent of yours doesn't have a very good American heritage," began the Old Professor, "because this country of ours was fought for and secured by a group of people who in their day were accomplished hell raisers. That is just what our colonists were when they rejected the attempts of some of the people in this country and in England to

put something over on them and to cram something down their throats.

"Americans have resisted these attempts to push something off on them ever since, whether it has been by one of their own citizens, or some foreign power. It is the national heritage to raise a fuss about anything that is not liked, and you only have to read the history books, or the daily papers to find where a group of aroused citizens in some part of our country or the world have fought against a bad deal, and what is most important, won their battle for a cleanup, or whatever else they were after.

"In all cases, where an honest person or publication has carried their findings of fraud or crime to the public, and has been right, they do not have to worry about support. Because fundamentally, your United States citizen is a righteous person and pretty much of a good sport and fair play character. I think that you have gotten loads of support at Linn's in your attempts to expose the apparently crooked goings on in some of the stamp issues."

"Yes, we did," I told him, "I was very much surprised at the amount of letters and telegrams we received on the matter. Not only did we have the support of the collectors, but it seemed that every dealer who could write gave us his backing in our fight."

"This isn't the first time that fast deals in philately have been exposed," he continued. "Our own United States has on several occasions invoked the wrath of the collecting public and the philatelic publications for alleged attempts to put something over on stamp collectors. It was an aroused stamp collecting public back in 1935 that caused our Post Office Department to make available to them the same stamps and sheets of stamps that were given as souvenirs to various government officials and friends of the administration. This was the uproar that brought on the 'Farley' issue of twenty stamps.

"Then again the philatelic press raised Cain with the Post Office Department about the great number of souvenir sheets that were being issued back in the early thirties. That was why after the 10c Smoky Mountains sheet was issued in 1937, no more of these items were produced until the CIPEX sheet. Collectors raised the dickens about the continuous parade of purple stamps that the Post Office Department kept feeding us. So since then we have had a variety of colors on our commems.

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"Back in 1875 too, the Post

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"But to continue about that 1875 deal. In that year the Post Office Department made its first effort to acquire some collector money. It was then that they brought out the first of their so-called Centennial reprints, special issues and re-issues amounting to a total of about \$325,000. They figured that stamp collectors and the dealers would go for these in a big way.

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"For Pete's sake," I told him, "here all along I thought that it was only these foreign governments that have tried to milk the collector, and now I find that our own United States has been somewhat guilty too. You've convinced me for sure that hell raising is good and very necessary."

"Well I'm going to raise a little of it myself," said the Old Professor, "if you don't fill my glass with more of that activated apple juice."

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## A Beautiful Remembrance Cover



Some of our more gifted collectors are really taking advantage of the fact that this is the Centennial Year of United States postage stamps. Many original and clever ideas have been worked out with the stamps in the Centenary Souvenir Sheet, and the above cover is another fine example of such treatment. It shows two colonial gentlemen on the left whom we are almost sure are Ben and George, admiring portraits of themselves as made by the 5c Franklin and the 10c Washington of the Souvenir Sheet stamps. The cover is an original hand drawing in colors. It is the commendable work of Walter M. Stawuszewski, 2703 E. Clearfield St., Philadelphia 34, Pa.

## NOTES FROM GERMAN STAMP COLLECTOR

A Wettlauffer  
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In former days there were not very many collectors of stamps of the United States in Germany. Since the war, this condition has been altered somewhat. Now, at least every other collector has a decent showing of U. S. stamps of recent issue, while many have collections of note. Greatest increase of persons interested in U. S. issues has occurred in the American Zone of Occupation, where the stamps are more easily obtainable than in the other regions. But even outside of the American Zone, United States stamps are popular. Later, when European currencies are stabilized and coordinated with each other, a possibility remains for a good business in United States stamps.

If a stamp dealer should remark that the stamps of Saar are quite scarce and unobtainable, he is pretty near right. It might be interesting to know some of the numbers of complete sets of some of the better issues of that country. These stamps are all semi-postals and are identified with Scott catalog numbers.

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**B 37-43 .....(23 676)**  
**B 44-46 .....(29 000)**  
**B 47-53 .....(38 473)**  
**B 54-66 .....(40 000)**

When the very fundamentals of friendly philatelic relationship throughout the world were ruptured by the recent war, it broke up many pleasant international associations. It is the desire of many collectors in Europe to renew these friendship, or to make new ones. One of the things upon which collectors pride themselves is the international friendliness and the leveling influence of the people joined in it. When persons understand each other through whatever medium, opportunities for hard feelings and mutual distrust vanish.

It was also through the medium of international and friendly co-operation that the volumes of information about stamp issues were compiled. For the last 80 to 100 years, philatelists of all nations have compared notes and searches with each other and have left to present day collectors evidence of their faith and good will. These evidences are the many priceless works about stamps that are now in existence.

Added values of the sets for the states in the French Zone of Oc-

cupation will continue to appear in the coming months. Four states of this Zone have started new issues, the latest one to produce one being Wurttemberg, which country issued four stamps in August.

With the holding of a stamp exhibition in Munich in September, it is expected that a stamp or set of stamps will be produced. Nothing definite on this, but it looks likely.

The first stamps to be issued in small booklets since the occupation began in 1945, have made their appearance in Germany. They consist of two sheets, one of which contains five stamps having a value of 12 pf., and 3 of 16 pf., while the second sheet contains eight stamps of 24pf. face value.

For the stamp exhibition in September the post office department issued a commemorative set of stamps. This took place in Munich.

Word from within the Postal Administration at the present time has it that a set of stamps to help finance welfare work will be issued sometime in October. During this same month German collectors are looking forward to a commemorative stamp in honor of the noted German lady poet, Lady von Droste Hulshoff.

The American Zone of occupation is to have more action in the way of new stamp issues. Designs are to be prettied up a bit and the printing a bit more precise.

The following figures give the current rate of the various printings of the AMG stamps:

United States print—2 Marks  
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German (Brunswick) print, not now current 70 Marks.

Of the numeral issue, there has been 27 values; present price on these complete, mint is 26 Marks. The stamps with the Peace symbols, 15 in all, are bringing 15 Marks for the complete set.

The Von Stephan set of two stamps is now bringing 2 Marks. Complete sets of stamps in the French Zone are bringing a good price. The issue showing the es-cutcheon and the poet portraits and which consists of 13 values from 1Pf. to 5 Marks is going at 110 Marks.

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Crosby was a retired Navy man. He was one of the original and first individuals to produce cachets for collectors, and many will remember him for the Photo Embossed covers which he sold. As the last of the really old timers in the cacheted cover field, he will continue in memory with the other two specialists in this field, Harry Ioor and Allen of Aristocrat, both of whom have passed away some years ago.

## Postmen Will Ask For A Wage Increase

From Robert Clark of Philadelphia we learn that the men and women who deliver our mail are going to make a request for more of the green stuff (money to you) from their old Uncle Samuel. In fact William C. Doherty, president of the Association of Letter Carriers (AFL), announced that the Nation's 77,000 postmen would petition the second session of the 80th Congress for a substantial wage increase.

Doherty said that mailmen find it increasingly difficult to keep pace with the ever mounting cost of living and added: "A postal pay rise is imperative. The welfare of the postal employees and the entire postal system is at stake." Pay scales for postmen range from \$1100 a year to \$3100 after 11 years.

## COLLECTORS "DOWN UNDER" PROTEST STAMP ISSUE

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**U. S. Military Gov. Stamps May Become Choice Items**



Collectors who are wanting something unusual and worth while to gather, might do well by not overlooking the issues of the Allied Military Government that has ruled in Germany, France, Austria and Italy. Scott has chosen to list these under United States, yet we have always claimed that they should be set up under a different heading altogether for they are not issues of the United States, but of a Military Government set up by the powers that have policed those countries since the end of the war and the United States is only a part of this group. However, they have a flavor that is akin to United States issues and many wise collectors have been getting them as fast as they can be obtained.

Already several issues are listed by Scott and the coming new specialized catalogue will bring them pretty well up to date.

What causes us to write this article now is the receipt of two new covers, bearing newly issued stamps of this Military Government, that have appeared recently. We have no information other than what is told by the stamps on the covers, yet that is sufficient to add much to what is already known.

These covers are from Consumer's Service, a business operated

by Mr. Butch, a World War Veteran at 15 Summer Street, Battle Creek Mich. We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Butch about a month ago and found him very well informed on these issues and with a fairly good stock of them.

Heretofore the issues from Italy have borne the overprint A. M. G. /V. G. in two lines. These new covers we have are identical with other stamps we have seen, but the wording or letters of the overprints have been changed so that they now read, A.M.G./F.T.T.

We of course know that the old overprint was A.M.G. for Allied Military Government and that the V.G. was for Venezia Giulia.

The new overprints are the same in the first three initials, but the V.G. has been changed to F.T.T. which stands for Free Territory of Trieste.

The covers at hand, of which we illustrate one cover, bear the following stamps of Italy: In the current small size postage there is the 25c, 50c, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20 Lire values. In large size postage, the 25, 50 and 100 Lire values. In Air mail there are the 1, 2, 5, 25, and 50 Lire values and in the Express or Special Delivery stamp, the 15 and 30 Lire values.

**French Military Court Sentences First Nazi Stamp Manipulator**

One of the first trials in which stamps enters into the picture, took place recently and was completed in the French Occupied Zone of Germany where the French Military Court sentenced a man for crime in which stamps were involved. F. Behle-Neuhold, Manager and Editor of "Philatelic Equator" and conductor of an International Service from P.O. Box 85 in Hamburg 36, Germany sent the story to us.

Hans Bibelle of Berlin was haled before the court on two counts. One, that during the war he served the Nazis as an expert on the valuation of stamp collections that had been seized from persons in various occupied countries. And two, that he illegally acquired stamps of the Netherlands, and that he had made use of these stamps for his own personal advantage.

On the first count, the Military Court decided that since he was an employee of a legal government, and was following the instructions of his superiors, he was not guilty of crime before the law. The court did say though that he had violated moral precepts, which even so were not punishable by the court. Bibelle as an expert in the Central Paper Office of the German Government had the duty of passing an opinion on the value of stamp collections seized illegally by the Germans from people in occupied countries. These collections were then shipped to foreign countries for resale during the war, and was a means of helping to finance the war effort.

Bibelle was condemned by the court on the second count. His sentence amounted to 1 1/2 years imprisonment and a fine of 50,000 Marks. In November 1941, the accused was found to have purchased the larger part of the Wilhelmina edition of stamps from the German Post Office Department which in turn had acquired them illegally when the Germans had invaded Holland. These stamps he purchased for the sum of 175,000 Marks. They were delivered to his home without cost by a postal van, since the purchase amounted to 440 lbs. and in part consisted of rolls of imperforated stamps which he later sold through selected channels in all parts of the world.

The fine will probably not faze the accused at all since he is reputed to be very wealthy. Most of his money was acquired during the war through manipulation of confiscated stamps and in other spoils of the Nazi Party. At the time of his arrest by the French, he was found to have hidden in his home the following: 200 packages of American cigarettes, 128 French and 175 packages of tobacco. These items alone represent 56,000 Marks on the black market.

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Any collector who has become at all interested in the various types of mail and how it was handled during the war period will find this handbook of top notch use. The entire story of how mail was handled, the many hands through which it passed, the processing that was given it and the definitions of the many terms connected with this soldier mail are all recorded quite accurately. It is as complete a story in this regard as has been seen.

The information is given on twenty-nine pages printed by a duplicating process and contained between light cardboard covers. The illustrations are well done and very much to the point. The Handbook can be purchased from Mr. Johnson at \$2.00 per copy at the address given above.

**India Permits Dutch Planes To Land Again**

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## First Day Cover Of Pakistan Overprint



If they had any stamps left in Pakistan after the above first day cover was sent, they were few and far between, because the one above has 13 different values of the stamps of India overprinted with the name of the new country, Pakistan. First day for the overprinted issue was on October 1. All stamps are those of current usage in India which have received the "Pakistan" overprint. Regular issues of stamps for the new country have been placed on order, and when these are delivered, the overprinted stamps will be withdrawn, and the new series placed on regular sale. The above cover was received from Francis James of Karachi, Pakistan.

In addition to the cover illustrated, we also have from Mr. James a cover mailed on September 30th, which was the last day of use for the regular India stamps without the PAKISTAN overprint. The cover bears a cachet noting this fact.

## First Day Of Issue Of Pilgrim Tercentenary And First Day Covers

We have recently had occasion to do a bit of research on this issue of stamps and have run into a question which we are unable to answer to our own satisfaction and since we find that the question is answered in so many different ways by others we feel that discussion of the subject might bring the truth to light.

The question is, what was the first day of issue of the Pilgrim Tercentenary Stamp and were they sold first day or released as of first day sale at definite offices.

From such information as is available from about a half dozen different books and booklets on the subject we find that the date of First Day sale is in question and then on top of this we are inclined to question if the Post Office Officials definitely designated any cities for first day sale. If such cities were so designated we would admit that they are the first day covers that should be recognized and preferred, rather than covers from any other city, just as, we now accept as first day cities and recognize such city as designated by the Department for any new Commemorative issue, even though we frequently find that some postmaster somewhere has jumped the gun and sold the stamps before they should have been sold.

With reference to all first day covers, we might note that the Postoffice Department was not in the habit of designating or announcing a city as the place for first day sale prior to the last twenty-five years. It appears that the Black Harding stamp may have been about the first stamp that was definitely sold first day at a designated city. We find from this point on that practically all the Commemoratives are known as from a definite city or perhaps as in some cases, several cities.

It is a fact that the booklet published by the Post Office Department does list certain cities as being those where the stamps were first placed on sale, even starting with the Omaha or Trans-Mississippi issue of 1898 and of many of the following issues, but Philatelic records do not seem to accept these cities as being first day cities and in support of this

we fail to find such recognition in the listing of First Day covers in the Scott catalogue. In our opinion the reason would be that altho there may have been an announcement by the Department that the stamps were to be first placed on sale at some designated city, it is evident and believed that distribution of the stamps was made in advance of the designated date to many cities and that in those days when collectors were less concerned than today about first day covers, it was the practice rather than the rare occasion to see the stamps come from many offices before the date designated. Since collectors in those days were not interested as they are today in first day covers, nothing ever happened about these things.

We do know, however, that the black Harding was issued first day at Marion, Ohio, by prearrangement. We were also at this event. Since this stamp practically all the commemoratives as well as most of the later regular issues have had a designated city for their debut.

We find, however, that the Pilgrim Tercentenary issue seems to be about the first stamp that collectors accept as having a designated first day city for issue and there is such discrepancy in the date and the names of the cities concerned with this issue that we question as to what date and what city should be recognized. We might best support our question by a statement of facts as recorded by several handbooks available.

It would be believed that the Post Office Department should know the truth on this subject and referring to the book issued by the Department we see the information that the stamps were issued first day on December 18, 1920 at both Provincetown and Plymouth, Mass.

Directly contradicting this statement is the listing in the Scott catalogue which gives the date as December 21, 1920 and fails to list any city, thus indicating that as we have surmised, the stamps may have come from several cities on this date.

Next in interest we note the new book by Mr. Johl where the date of issue is given as December 21 and Mr. Johl does not name a first day city.

In the United States Specialized Catalogue of First Day Covers as published by the Washington Press of Newark, N. J., we find the first day date for all three stamps given as December 21st, but the cities named are Plymouth, Mass., and Philadelphia, Pa.

In the Fleetwood Cover Guide, published by the Fleetwood Cover Service of Pleasantville, N. Y., we find the dates given as December 18, same as in the Government booklet, but with first day given as "Nationwide."

In a booklet titled "United States Commemorative Notes" published by the New York Sun, the date is given as December 18, but no cities for first day issue are mentioned.

It therefore seems evident that our contention is correct and we should much rather believe that the date in the Government book is correct and that altho the Government book does designate two cities, that the stamps were doubtless scattered about the country before the first day designated for issue and that there may perhaps be dates even earlier to be found.

## Canadian Collector Pays Linn's A Visit

We were pleased to have Mr. William L. Vanson of Toronto, Ontario, Canada drop into the office recently for a visit. He was on a trip through the States and being near Sidney decided to drop in and meet us Philatelic Buckeyes face to face. Mr. Vanson is a member of the West Toronto Stamp club, and when he isn't engaged in philatelic activities, he spends his time seeing that law and order is kept in his home city as a member of the police force.

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## Interesting Story About Designer Of Constitution Stamp

A very good inside story about the designer of the "U. S. Frigate Constitution" stamp was carried in the Boston Sunday Globe. It was written by Paul Kneeland. N. Joseph, a dealer in Boston, Mass. was attracted to the article and sent it along to us with the thought that other collectors might enjoy it also. Kneeland's story about designer Hepburn follows.

"It was a Boston architect, Andrew H. Hepburn, whose drawing of the United States frigate Constitution was selected by the Post Office Department as the design of a new three-cent commemorative stamp which will go on sale Oct. 21, marking the 150 anniversary of the launching of "Old Ironsides."

"But not once this summer during the month it took him to complete the commission did Hepburn leave his ninth-floor Park-Sq. office to take a peek at the original—and so handy, too!—tied up over there at Charlestown Navy Yard. He didn't have to; he knew from of old and from any angle.

"I've always been interested in history-making ships. I'd been aboard the Constitution many times before," the architect hastens to explain. "Spirit and inspiration weren't necessary; original specifications and drawings were what I needed."

And of course he got them. A little private research work on his own, with help from the United States Navy records bureau in Washington, which acted as a clearance house for other sources of documented material, quickly brought forth all the answers—from sail plans to deck dimensions.

"I referred to several reproductions of oil paintings of the Constitution executed by early 19th century artists," Hepburn continues. "Nothing contemporary—I wanted it authentic."

Roux' famous one in the New York Public Library was a great aid. He made a few notes on scale models of the vessel on exhibition at the Old State House and the Museum of Fine Arts before submitting the final design.

An M. I. T. '04 man, Concord resident, Hepburn has had a brilliant career as an architect; his career in designing is now brighter still.

"My greatest surprise, and I thought at first some mistake had been made, came last June when Gov. Bradford asked me to serve on a committee which was to select a suitable illustration for the proposed Constitution stamp," Hepburn confesses.

"You see my son, Andrew H. Hepburn Jr., is with the firm, but he's the boat designer in the family. I called the State House and it was no mistake—I was the man they wanted."

Then almost before he knew it, the senior Hepburn was on his way to Washington for interviews with Com. Dudley W. Knox of the Navy records bureau, which later cooperated on the project, and Joseph J. Lawler, Third Assistant Postmaster General. They outlined the proposal to him and upon his return as a one-man dele-

gation to the capitol, Hepburn found himself laboring over a hot draughtsman's board a week later.

"After minor changes were suggested by the State Art Commission and the Post Office Department, I made them," he adds. "The original is only about six by eight inches and was returned to me after photographs of it necessary for the engravings were taken. I don't know just what disposition I'll make of it."

"There's no question about what disposition the postal people are going to make of the Hepburn reproduction as it will appear on a green, special delivery-size three-cent denomination stamp. The commemorative issue is being promoted in a big way—a drive for sales to youngsters has been approved by the Boston School Department and endorsed by parochial schools in the Archdiocese of Boston.

"In New England alone, nearly 1200 cities and towns are scheduled to be represented by business firms who will be asked to buy the stamps for outgoing mail. Posters, just off the press are being distributed to postoffices everywhere" a spokesman for the Post Office Department announced.

And special service to stamp and first-day-cover collectors is available through the cooperation of Postmaster Connelly. Philatelists desiring Oct. 21 cancellations—they will be made aboard the Constitution—may send as many as 10 addressed envelopes to him before that date.

## Red Cross Seal Had Vending Machine Sale Back In Early Days



The United States has never issued a semi-postal or a charity stamp, but the stamp illustrated in the adjoining photograph is perhaps the closest that we will ever come to issuing one, although not issued by Government agencies.

The stamp is not scarce, and though it turns up often, its full story has not been too widely known. Even now, were it not for the fact that the late Joseph A. Steinmetz of Philadelphia had the splendid habit of annotating his collection with personal remembrances, its story might well have been forgotten.

Herman Herst, Jr., of Shrub Oak, N. Y. purchased the balance of the Steinmetz miscellany last winter, and in breaking it up, he has been careful to perpetuate these notes and discoveries for the future.

Steinmetz was connected with the American Red Cross and their sale of stamps, seals and incidental material for a period of almost two decades was under his direction. His personal collection of Christmas Seals included examples of all of them, from the first in 1907, postally used on covers and properly tied, some of them having gone through the mails without other postage.

The Steinmetz notes on the Red Cross label reproduced herewith indicates that in 1915 in order to raise money for European relief caused by devastation in the first World War, the Red Cross conceived the idea of placing postage stamp machines in public places in New York. The machines sold both one cent stamps and two cent stamps, taking a nickel. Those with the one cent stamps, gave four stamps for postage and one Red Cross label; those with the two cents, gave two postage stamps and one label. The attention of collectors is called to the fact that the Red Cross label bears the notation, "Not for Postage", no doubt placed there on the request of postal authorities who wanted it made clear that the people were giving the extra cent to charity.

According to the Steinmetz notes, the first day on which the machines were placed in public places to raise money for the Red Cross was July 20, 1915.

## Collector's Paradise In The Ozarks Is The Goal Of Hobbyists

Under the heading of "Making A Dream Come True," Sgt. R. L. Schreiber writes in the Collectors Bulletin about a hobby colony that is in the planning stage, and is to be set up in the Ozark mountains of Arkansas. Some of the highlights of his plan, taken from his article, are as follows:

A group of men prominent in the hobby field is making the dream of countless hobbyists, craftsmen, writers, artists, poets and just plain loafers, or people who are tired of the hustle and bustle of city life, come true. They have purchased a tract of land in the heart of the Ozarks overlooking a beautiful fifty-mile-long lake with a shore line of 750 miles, and sparkling water 100 feet deep in places.

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Virgin walnut, butternut, cedar, hickory and other trees cover the entire tract and the surrounding territory. All of the Ozarks are beautiful in spring, summer and fall, but this location is the cream of the crop, for the Norfolk Dam has already created one beautiful lake, and the Government is now spending 57 million dollars building the Great Bull Shoals Dam which will create another large lake.

In this wonderful setting is being established a Hobby Colony for hobbyists, craftsmen, writers, artists, poets—people with talents for making things or doing things, creating with their hands or minds. The hub of the Colony will contain craft shops with every conceivable power machine or tool, laboratories, dark-rooms, printing and mimeographing machines, an immense library of reference books, including thousands of back copies of magazines for reference, as well as all the latest hobby mechanical and scientific, and writers' magazines. Everything that anyone would want to work in—wood, metal, leather, ceramics, plastics or the products of nature—will be available. To the beginner this will be a god-send and, for the finished writers, artists, designers and craftsmen there will be every facility to follow their professions.

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CANADA PRICE ERROR. Scott's 1948 catalogue lists Canada #133 at \$35.00, as against \$3.00 last year. A call to Scott's Publications verified that this is an error, and the price should be \$3.50. They advise that correction will be made in the next issue of their bulletin. However, do not buy, sell or trade this stamp based on the 1948 printed price of \$35.00.

PRICE CHANGES. The British Empire section of the new catalogue has many price changes—mostly upward—with very few reductions. The only important reduction noted, was for the previously overpriced set of Ireland 36/38 which was reduced from \$90 to \$68.

On the upward side, most all of the British Empire shared in the increases, except of course, the current items. Most of the high face and high catalogue values were increased, although increases were general throughout the list. Example: Australia #129 from \$20 to \$32.50. Cayman Islands #63 from \$7.00 to \$10, #65 from \$11.00 to \$15.00, Cyprus #88 from \$90.00 to \$110.00, #109 from \$100.00 to \$135.00, Dominica #85 from \$20.00 to \$27.50, Gibraltar #47 from \$75.00 to \$90.00, #64 from \$75.00 to \$90.00, #93 from \$75.00 to \$100.00, Kenya & Uganda #38/40 from \$95.00 to \$155.00, Newfoundland #198 from \$2.50 to \$6.50, #62 from \$17.50 to \$27.50, C12 from \$35.00 to \$55.00, C13/17 from \$22.75 to \$32.25, C18 from \$35.00 to \$50.00, St. Helena #60 from \$22.50 to \$32.50.

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Used British Empire have in general been advanced, especially the high values. Here is an outstanding example of the trend. Trinidad and Tobago No. 11 was increased from Mint \$15.00 and used \$7.00 to Mint \$18.00 and used \$20.00.

There was very little change in the Jubilee sets, but the Coronation changes gives the impression that it was originally decided to increase these sets and then before the job was completed, it was abandoned. Here are the changes in the earlier alphabetical sets. Ascension 30c to 36c, Bahamas 25c to 38c, Barbados 25c to 35c, Basutoland 25c to 41c, Bechuanaland 25c to 30c, Bermuda 25c to 31c, British Guiana

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25c to 31c, British Honduras 30c to 40c, British Solomon 25c to 38c, Cayman Islands 25c to 34c, Ceylon 25c to 36c. These advances continue further until they suddenly stopped and the remaining sets remained without change in price. This to say the least is inconsistent.

As expected all the recent obsolete items were substantially increased especially those of Seychelles.

CATALOGUE NO. CHANGES. Most of the recently issued new values were listed as A numbers, without disturbing the regular number sequence. However, exceptions were made such as the new 10 pence stamp of Bahamas was given number 109 and the one shilling stamp changes from #109 to 110. In Canada and Newfoundland many changes in numbers were made, and here are the important changes. The new 1948 catalogue numbers are in ( ).

CANADA #23 is now (24), 24 (25), 25 (27), 26 (28), 27 (29), 28 (30), 29 (31), 30 (32), 31 (33), 32 (33), 33 (35), 34 (36), 35 (36D), 36 (37), 37 (41), 38 (39), 39 (43), 41 (45), 42 (26), 43 (38), 44 (42), 45 (34), 48 (44), 121 (120A), 251B (252), 252 (253), 252A (254), 253 (255), 254 (256), 255 (257), 256 (258), 256A (259), 257 (260), 258 (261), 259 (262), 260 (263), 261 (264), 262 (265), 263 (266), 264 (267).

NEWFOUNDLAND. #253 is now (254), 254 (255), 255 (256), 256 (258), 258 (253), 259 (257), 260 (259), 261 (260), 262 (261), 263 (262), 264 (263), 265 (264), 266 (265), 267 (266), 257 (267).

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Dr. H. A. "Doc" Davis has been named general chairman of the coming event. Doc is probably one of the best known of the West's philatelists since for thirty years, he was secretary of the APS. The Denver group have prepared advertising stickers for the coming show and these are in the mails to collectors now. Inasmuch as some readers might have questions about the convention, which is scheduled for September 6 to 10, these will be answered if possible when they are addressed to APS Convention Information, P. O. Box 6 Alcott Sta., Denver 12, Colo. We'll be seeing you in Walla Walla—oops, we mean Denver, in 1948.

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**CZECHOSLOVAKIA.** We illustrate here a set in honor of Masaryk, reported here last week.

**MOZAMBIQUE.** A new provisional air mail has been made necessary by a change in air mail rates. The 5c red brown, Scott C7, has been overprinted \$300 and bars.



**ROMANIA.** The 36,000 Lei purple of the postage set has been overprinted 2 plus 3 Lei C.B.A. 1947 for the recent Philatelic Exhibition.



**ROMANIA.** A new 6 value set has just been issued in the new stabilized currency. The stamps are long and arranged horizon-tally showing the king in profile and various scenes. Denomina-tions are as follows: 0.50 Lei orange, 2 Lei blue green, 5 Lei blue, 10 Lei prussian blue, 20 Lei brown and 1 Leu red brown.



**RUSSIA.** Two new air mails have been received. The stamps are large and attractive showing a monoplane flying over the flag of the Soviet Union. Denomina-tions are 30 Kop. purple and one ruble blue.

**SPAIN.** Spain issued a new Cervantes set which also served to commemorate Stamp Day in Madrid on October 9th. There were two postage values of .50 and .75 pesetas and one air mail stamp of 5.50 Pes.



**TERRITORY OF IFNI.** A new pictorial 0.50 bi-colored stamp similar to the former pictorials showing a family of natives on camels. Brown and gray.

**TERRITORY OF IFNI.** Two new air mail letter tax, a new 0.50 yellow and a new 0.10 blue green, overprinted in red IFNI.



**JUGOSLAVIA.** An issue of three semi-postal stamps was made to commemorate the Balkans Athletic games at Zagreb, Croatia. Values and colors are 1.50 plus .50D. dark green; 2.50 plus .50D. dark red and 4.00 plus .50 dark blue. All have the same design.



**JUGOSLAVIA.** Two stamps were issued to commemorate the annexation of the territory of Venezia Giulia to Yugoslavia after permission was granted by the Big Four of the U.N. Values are a 2.50D. red and blue, and a 5.00 brown and green. Both have the same design.

**FREE TERRITORY TRIESTE.** A set of 19 values is expected momentarily to take the place of the "AMG-VG" issue, the sale of which was blocked after September 15. The present overprint reads "AMG-FTT" meaning Allied Military Government, Free Territory Trieste.

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### STATE REVENUE

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**ARKANSAS.** Frank Applegate sends the recent Honey stamps: 1/2 purple, 1c carmine, 5c yellow green and 10c brown. A bumble bee is pictured in the long central oval with "Paid" and "5c" in circles at right and left respectively. Rouletted 9 1/2; 35x26mm.

**KANSAS.** The 1947-48 (dated "1948") Quail stamps in sheet form are at hand. The border is blue and the center red; same as former years otherwise.

**KENTUCKY.** New stamps with O. M. Howard's signature are: Liquor one fifth gal. green and Wine 1/2 gal. yellow. 'Info' from Dr. Ward Disbrow.

**ILLINOIS.** The vertical design 1 bbl. Beer stamps have now appeared with the serial number in blue. In 1943 they were black and in 1946 they were changed to red. This is the third color to be used on the 1 bbl. stamp. The background seems to be much stronger orange on the stamp with red serial numbers. Thanks to John Bobo.

**KANSAS.** Charlie Hermann reports that the Cigarette stamps were surcharged "3" in black in each of the four usual colors of stamps.

**PENNSYLVANIA.** Soft drink stamps have been issued as follows: 12 oz., 1/4 gal., 1/2 gal., 3/4 gal., 1 gal., 5 gal. and 10 gal. On green perforated safety card; 73x22 1/2mm. The tax rate is 64c per gallon. I do not have details of the appearance of the stamps. Thanks Charlie.

**NEVADA.** Here is an amazing story for you State Revenue fiends! One cent Cigarette stamps were issued for use with the 2c stamp to make up the proper tax for English packs of 30 cigarettes which are never sold in Nevada! At least not to date and probably never!

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for a three cent stamp so one was issued and the one cent stamps recalled before there had been any use for them! But—one company didn't read the law too well and assumed that since the tax called for a 2c stamp on packs of twenty, packs of 10 were to be stamped with 1c stamps. —So they bought 75 of the stamps and affixed them to 75 packs of ten! After the packs were sent to their retail outlet store it was discovered that the law called for 2c tax on packs of twenty OR LESS. The packages were recalled and re-stamped with 2c stamps. (I wasn't able to learn what happened to the 1c stamps which were affixed, but I presume that they were scraped off.) At any rate these 75 stamps are supposed to be the only ones that ever got out and the balance are to be destroyed by the State Auditor.

For this reason stamp collectors will probably never get the 1c stamp and, if so, it will not be listed in the catalog.

If the English packs of 30 cigarettes are never sold in Nevada the same fate will probably befall the 3c value.

I was fortunate to see the full set of stamps through the kindness of Ray Burke the State Auditor, but since the law prohibits sale of the stamps to anyone other than licensed wholesale dealers in tobacco I was unable to obtain any of the stamps in unused condition.

The full set of stamps is as follows: 1c slate grey, 2c blue, 3c (shades), 4c light green and 5c rose (shades). The design features a map of the state with the value superimposed in a colored circle and "Nevada" in a curved banner above (also superimposed on the map).

Since most of the packs of forty are stamped with two 2c stamps it appears that very few 4c stamps will be used.

My visit to Nevada was prompted by an engagement of the band I play with, Spade Cooley, for the annual Jamboreo.

Thanks to Ray Burke for much of the information contained in this item. (Why, oh why couldn't you have given me some of the stamps Ray? ? ! Ha! )

**RHODE ISLAND.** The 2c (per pack of 20) tax has been upped to 3c. I have the new 3c stamp from Cabot. Very similar to the usual design but smaller and more rectangular. 3c orange on cream safety card black rouletted 9 1/2; 11x 14mm.

**WEST VIRGINIA.** The new Cigarette stamps of this state have been issued as follows: 1/2c red, 1c black and 5c green. Thanks George (Martin and Cabot).

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ILJ14-26	(13) Dues Bosnia .1.39	B103-07	(5) Famous Men .75	ROMANIA		103-07	(5) Mountain Views .15	394	(1) Oct. Rev. Ord. .30
ILJ1-13	(13) Dues Bosnia .95	B108-12	(5) Child Piper .85	ROMANIA		108-09	(4) National Defense .50	VENUEZUELA	
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136-37	(2) Nikola Tesla .25	B118-22	(5) Child Welfare .85	ROMANIA		115-19	(1) Child Welfare .35	VENUEZUELA	
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B52-53, RAZ	(3) Red Cross .29	C6-8	(3) High Value Airm .6.95	ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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B124-25	(2) Philatelic Exh. .2.95	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
B125A-E	(5) Tito Surcharges .75	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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N16-21	(6) Mannerheim .53	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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181-88	(8) Victory Flags .1.56	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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C23	(1) Rommel Retreat .78	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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90-93	(4) Prince Francis I .2.75	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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132-35	(4) Labor Issue .75	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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152	(1) Memorial Issue .7.50	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
153	(1) Rheinberger .30	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
160-70	(1) Rheinberger .30	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
172-75	(4) Princes I .2.25	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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192-95	(4) Canal .2.15	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
198-211	(14) Pictorials .4.50	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
212-14	(3) Adam Plus .1.25	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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B15-17	(3) Red Cross .3.15	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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LUXEMBOURG		NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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B1-3	(1) Medicinal Baths .59	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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B25-29	(5) Prince Jean .77	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
B30-34	(5) Princess Elizabeth .77	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
B35-39	(5) Princess Adelaide .1.56	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
B40-44	(5) Princess Gabrielle .3.50	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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B91-95	(5) Duke Sigismund .2.65	NEWFOUNDLAND		ROMANIA		SOMALI COAST		VENUEZUELA	
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